

REMARKS

For the convenience of the Examiner set forth below is a recapitulation of the current status of the Claims in the present Application

CLAIMS	STATUS	DEPENDENCY
1	Canceled	—
2	Canceled	—
3	Canceled	—
4	Canceled	—
5	Canceled	—
6	Canceled	—
7	Canceled	—
8	Canceled	—
9	Canceled	—
10	Canceled	—
11	Canceled	—
12	Canceled	—
13	Canceled	—
14	Canceled	—
15	New	Independent
16	New	Independent
17	New	Independent

Comments of Primary Examiner John A. RICCI have been reviewed carefully along

with pertinent sections of the Patent Act, Patent Rules, the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure, legal treatises and relevant decisional law. In accordance with Examiner RICCI's requirements, allowance of the Application as amended, is solicited earnestly.

The Examiner has stated:

Claims 6 & 8-12 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claim.

Accordingly, the Claims have been rewritten as follows:

The subject matter of Claims 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6 has been combined and is presented as new Claim 15.

The subject matter of Claims 1, 2, 3, 5, 7 and 8 has been combined and is presented as new Claim 16.

The subject matter of Claims 1 and 12 has been combined and is presented as new Claim 17.

No new matter has been added. It is believed that new Claims 15-17 are

patentable.

Claims 1-14 have been canceled.

The status of the Claims is as follows:

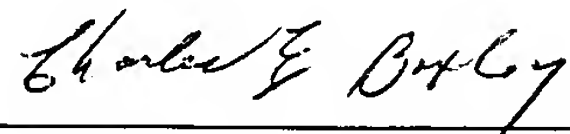
Claims 15-17 are new.

Claims 1-14 have been canceled.

In view of the foregoing amendments, submission and explanations, it is believed that Claims 15-17 are in condition for allowance. An early Notice of Allowance on the Application will be appreciated.

Courtesy, cooperation and skill of Primary Examiner John A. RICCI are appreciated and acknowledged.

Respectfully,



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